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SUBJECT: LEBANON: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST SHIPMENT  
END-USE CHECK ON LICENSE 050055911- BUSHMASTER CARBINES

REF: STATE 117107

¶1. (SBU) In response to reftel, questions regarding export license application 050055911 for the export of carbines to the Lebanese Internal Security Forces (ISF) in Lebanon, Post confirms that this is a legitimate ISF purchase. In coordination with Embassy's Office of Defense Coordination (ODC) and Office of International Narcotics and Law (INL) Chief Virginia Ramadan, we confirm the following background information:

¶2. (SBU) Embassy PolMil officer and INL Section Chief Virginia Ramadan met with ISF General Director, Major General Achraf Rifi and General Ahmad Hneini of the ISF General Directorate on December 15 and with General Hneini and Mohammad Jamil, General Manager of the Mercantile Trading Company on December 16.

¶3. (SBU) General Hneini confirmed that the ISF placed the order for:

- 400 Bushmaster M4A3-type Carbines, Model XM15E2S
- 200 Bushmaster C-15 P21S Tactical Compact Carbines
- 100 Bushmaster M203 40mm Grenade Launchers
- 1400 Bushmaster 30 round Magazines

¶4. (SBU) General Hneini confirmed the ISF had placed the order in July 2007. Additionally, he confirmed that all the items on the license were delivered to and accounted for by the ISF. He denied any weapons or rounds were diverted from or shipped outside of Lebanon. Mr. Jamil presented Bills of Lading, and shipping receipts that accounted for all the items.

¶5. (U) Post confirms that the Lebanese ISF is familiar with the regulations governing import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer and re-export.

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